

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions, ~~in which using a computer system is used to store data relating to a business transaction, for access using one or more business applications and in which a business transaction is assigned an identification code, with one or more different classes of business transactions having different data structures being mapped in the computer system, characterized~~ the method comprising:

~~[[--]] in that a first step involves~~ producing at least one input data record being ~~produced~~ from data relating to a business transaction, ~~said~~ the input data record having a structure ~~which is specific to one or the or each different~~ a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications~~[[.]]~~;

~~[[--]] in that a second step involves~~ transforming the at least one input data record ~~being transformed~~ into an output data record which ~~that~~ that can be configured using one or more of the business applications~~[[.]]~~; and

~~[[--]] in that a third step involves~~ storing the output data record ~~being stored~~ with its ~~associated~~ an identification code, ~~so that~~ wherein the output data record can be read in full or in part by the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim

~~Claim 1, where~~ wherein the first producing step is performed using a first program module, the ~~second~~ transforming step is performed using a second program module, and ~~where~~ the input data record having the specific structure is transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1

~~Claim 1 or 2, where the or each~~ wherein the business application is in the form of a third ~~or further~~ program module.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 3

~~Claim 3, where~~ wherein the second program module is in a form such that the transformation process in the ~~second~~ transforming step can be set by the ~~or each~~ third program module via an interface.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 3

~~Claim 3 or 4, where~~ wherein the second program module is in a form such that it can read data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the ~~or each~~ third program module and can transfer said the data to the ~~or each third and/or to a further~~ program module via an interface for the ~~purpose of further processing and/or for the purpose of~~ or display.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim
Claim 5, ~~where~~ wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program
module.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one or more~~
of claim Claims 1 to 6, ~~where~~ wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional
basis.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one or more~~
of claim Claims 1 to 7, ~~where~~ wherein the output data record includes [[has]], for a
plurality of business applications, a ~~specific~~ database structure having one or more
tables.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one or more~~
of claim Claims 1 to 8, ~~where~~ wherein the output data record includes [[has]], for
different journals in accounting, different data areas.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one or more~~
of claim Claims 1 to 9, ~~where~~ wherein the output data record is designed for access via
at least two business applications.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Computer~~ A computer system for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions, the computer system comprising:

a first module that produces at least one input data record from data relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications;

a second module that transforms the at least one input data record into an output data record that can be configured using one or more of the business applications; and

a storage for storing output data record with an identification code, wherein the output data record can be read in full or in part by the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.

~~carrying out a method according to one or more of the preceding claims, having~~

~~[[-]] means for storing data relating to business transactions,~~

~~[[-]] means for storing programs,~~

~~[[-]] means for executing programs,~~

~~[[-]] program code means for carrying out a method according to one or more of the preceding claims.~~

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17. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the input data record having the specific structure is transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

18. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the business application is in the form of a third program module.

19. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the second program module is in a form such that transforming the at least one input data record into the output data record can be set by the third program module via an interface.

20. (New) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the second program module reads data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the third program module and can transfer the data to the third program module via an interface for processing or display.

21. (New) The computer system of claim 20, wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program module.

22. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional basis.

23. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the output data record includes, for a plurality of business applications, a database structure having one or more tables.

24. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the output data record includes, for different journals in accounting, different data areas.

25. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the output data record is designed for access via at least two business applications.

26. (New) A computer program stored in a computer readable medium, the computer program executing instructions according to a method, the method comprising:

producing at least one input data record from data relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications;

transforming the at least one input data record into an output data record that can be configured using one or more of the business applications; and

storing the output data record with an identification code, wherein the output data record can be read in full or in part by the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.